

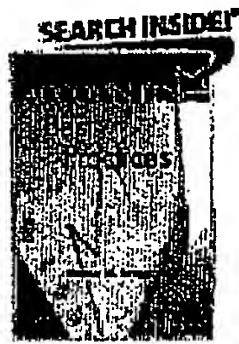
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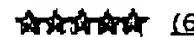
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Also, I have just fired up a web log (blog) that also deals with accounting best practices. It is intended to expand upon topics covered in the newsletter, as well as cover additional unrelated best practice information. Click [here](#) to see the blog, or click [here](#) to sign up to receive automatic e-mail feed of the blog every time I post a new entry. Thanks!

#### **Updates to Web Site**

5:59 AM PST, March 5, 2006

I issue additional accounting best practices once every two weeks.

free e-mail newsletter, which you can subscribe to at [www.stevebragg.com](http://www.stevebragg.com). The latest newsletter describes ways to improve shipping charge revenue. The last few dozen newsletters are located under the "Newsletter Back Issues" category on the side of the link listed above.

A brand new addition to the site is a site search capability, listed as "Conduct Site Search for Accounting Topics" in the center of the home page. This is quite useful, since the site now includes over 100 pages of accounting information, including an accounting dictionary, fast close topics, metrics, an acquisition due diligence checklist, and more.

Finally, in a wildly unrelated area, if you go to my bio (lower left of the home page), I've now added pages containing dive photos from Palau (just got back last week!) and Barbados, as well as my account from having climbed most of the highest points on each continent. Click [here](#) to go straight to that page.

A quick word on diving in Palau -- they are famous for reef hooking, where you use a metal hook to grab onto a chunk of coral, and then clip a line attached to the hook onto your scuba rig. Our group was reef hooking on the edge of a massive coral wall when the current suddenly increased violently, blowing half the group off the reef and to the surface. One person who held on had his regulator (the part you breathe through) break in half, with the mouthpiece still in their mouth but the rest of the device ripped away; in a very stout scuba tank, he breathed in seawater but still remembered to grab his backup regulator and use that. Another person had his map ripped off, while a third person's regulator free-flowed (used up the air really fast) until all of his air was gone. Two Japanese divers had been blown off the same reef the week before, and were pushed so far out to sea that they were not picked up for 40 hours. Despite these experiences, Palau is an exceptional place to dive, and I highly recommend it, but don't mind some really long flights to get there -- it is 800 miles from Guam).



### **Accounting Best Practices Newsletter - Update**

Originally posted 8:59 AM PST, February 15, 2006, updated at 11:59 AM PST, February 15, 2006

I issue additional accounting best practices once every two weeks via a free e-mail newsletter, which you can subscribe to at [www.stevebragg.com](http://www.stevebragg.com). The latest newsletter covered the topic of bank reconciliations.

My Web site is down for a day or two while the site switches to a new server, so if you cannot get through, please e-mail me at [bragg.steven@gmail.com](mailto:bragg.steven@gmail.com), and I will add you to the list.

I am leaving for a dive trip to Palau (south of Guam) shortly,

camera does not flood, I will post dive photos on my web site  
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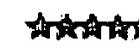
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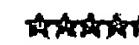
This book has so many great accounting best practices it should serve as a goal for every company. An invaluable reference guide to anyone who is just starting a business, or needing to improve efficiency of their accounting functions.

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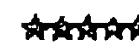
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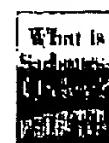
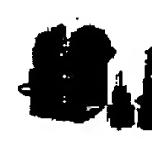
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